



Aussies controlling spending by foregoing plastic and more regular, smaller visits to the ATM

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times don't last, tough people do

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SYDNEY, Australia: A new study into Australian attitudes in light of the global financial crisis by NCR Corporation (NYSE: NCR), the world's leading provider of self-service solutions, has found that over a third of Australians are using cash, as opposed to credit and debit cards, as a way of controlling their spending. Thirty six per cent of respondents to the study said they were using ATMs more frequently, for smaller denomination withdrawals in order to manage their day-to-day cash flow.

The results suggest that the days of the borrow now, pay later are fast coming to an end as Australians seek to get a firm grip on their finances. The study, conducted by BuzzBack on behalf of NCR Corporation, shows that Aussies are becoming ever more mindful of their cash and that financial prudence and sensible spending are navigating them through the current economic climate.

A further example of this attitude can be seen in the finding that nearly half of Aussies (49 per cent) are now leaving their bill payments until the last minute, maximising the time money is in their account.

Tough times require tough measures, and it appears as if Australians are reacting in a sensible way to the current financial crisis,

comments Ross Checkley, managing director for NCR, South Pacific.

As the country slips ever closer towards recession, Australians are choosing the sensible approach to making their money go further and to keep their finances in check.

Switch and save

Additionally, its not just the little measures that are helping Australians deal with the tough economic climate. Nearly a third (28 per cent) have taken out separate savings accounts to try to set aside money for special items of expenditure, and over half (56 per cent) are switching between retailers to get better value when they visit the shops.

When it comes to shopping, 4 out of 10 Australians are using the internet more frequently to research products and prices, as well as buying fresh food in smaller quantities, and more often so it doesnt go bad hailing the age of the micro-shoppers. On the flipside however, an equal number (40 per cent) of Aussies are making a name for themselves by stockpiling non-perishable items that are available at knock-down prices to derive even more value from their shop.

The research, published annually, was conducted between December 2008 and January 2009. Results reflect input from 8,447 respondents in 16 countries and 6 regions, of which 505 were from Australia. All respondents were at least 18 years of age.

About NCR Corporation

NCR Corporation (NYSE: NCR) is a global technology company and leader in automated teller machines, self-checkouts and other self- and assisted-service solutions, serving customers in more than 100 countries. NCR's software, hardware, consulting and support services help organizations in retail, financial, travel, healthcare and other industries interact with consumers across multiple channels.

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